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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Hideo WATANABE, et al.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2002, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith. Please note that since January 26, 2002, is a Saturday, this Response if timely filed.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 4-16 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 4-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Higuchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,830,085) in view of OFFICIAL NOTICE.

**I. Consideration of IDS References**

**A. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-70412**

Applicant requests consideration of the two foreign patent documents listed in the IDS filed on September 25, 2000. The Examiner maintains that the first foreign patent document (Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-70412) was not considered because 1) the application